

# QUARTERLY SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

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## QUARTERLY SUMMARY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIAN STATISTICS.

Quarter ended 31st March, 1938.

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## 1.—POPULATION AND MIGRATION.

Period.	Population (a)			Natural Increase	Migration—Increase + Decrease —		
	Males.	Females	Total.		Oversea.	Inter-state.	Total.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year ended—							
31st December, 1931	289,397	287,682	577,079	4,191	— 607	— 972	— 1,579
1932	290,254	289,039	579,293	3,564	— 363	— 987	— 1,350
1933	291,722	290,955	582,677	3,996	+ 7	— 619	— 612
1934	292,519	291,775	584,294	3,056	— 32	— 1,407	— 1,439
1935	293,650	292,793	586,443	3,107	— 131	— 827	— 958
1936	294,807	294,505	589,312	3,447	+ 242	— 820	— 578
1937	295,611	295,590	591,201	3,738	— 7	— 1,842	— 1,849
June Quarter, 1936	293,988	293,305	587,293	681	— 178	— 416	— 594
1937	294,338	294,340	588,678	920	— 195	— 442	— 637
Sept. Quarter, 1936	294,160	293,696	587,856	703	+ 120	— 260	— 140
1937	294,733	294,833	589,566	741	+ 204	— 57	+ 147
Dec. Quarter, 1936	294,807	294,505	589,312	1,006	+ 338	+ 112	+ 450
1937	295,611	295,590	591,201	1,068	+ 352	+ 215	+ 567

NOTE.—Metropolitan Population, 31st December, 1937, 318,190, or 54.0 per cent. of State.

(a) At end of period stated.

## 2.—BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND MARRIAGES.

Period.	Births.	Deaths.	Marriages.	Infantile Deaths.
	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year, 1931.....	9,079	4,888	3,069	330
1932.....	8,521	4,957	3,636	312
1933.....	8,900	4,904	3,973	286
1934.....	8,459	5,403	4,310	301
1935.....	8,270	5,163	4,845	289
1936.....	8,911	5,464	5,182	277
1937.....	8,985	5,247	5,340	297
January, 1937 .....	700	412	374	25
1938 .....	719	394	416	21
February, 1937 .....	660	350	338	17
1938 .....	748	395	473	28
March, 1937 .....	835	424	620	24
1938 .....	778	403	410	21
March Quarter, 1937 .....	2,195	1,186	1,332	66
1938 .....	2,245	1,192	1,299	70

## 3.—RAINFALL.

Period.	Over Agricultural Areas, 1938.							State 32 Years' Mean.	Adelaide.	
	Central.	Lower North	Upper North	South- East.	Wes- tern.	Murray Mallee.	State.		1938.	99 Years' Mean.
	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.
January .....	·75	1·23	1·19	·93	·35	·82	·75	·47	·61	·74
February .....	1·78	1·91	1·63	1·65	4·21	·79	2·48	·67	2·45	·72
March .....	·16	·04	·00	·48	·11	·07	·14	·75	·13	1·02
April .....	3·42	2·14	·76	3·64	1·52	2·20	2·13	·91	5·81	1·71
	April to November.								Jan.-Dec.	
1937.....	15·16	13·11	8·70	14·91	11·05	8·92	11·78	—	23·01	21·17
1936.....	12·84	8·88	6·46	18·04	8·48	8·77	10·16	—	19·34	—
Mean, 32 years.	16·03	12·18	8·81	19·52	11·04	10·43	12·62	12·62	—	—

## 4.—EMPLOYMENT—MONTHLY INDEX FIGURES.

(Base July, 1933 = 100.)

	January.			February.			March.		
	1936.	1937.	1938.	1936.	1937.	1938.	1936.	1937.	1938.
State Government (a)	100	105	113	100	106	113	103	107	114
Commonwealth									
Government ... (a)	108	113	123	109	114	122	107	117	123
Local Government (a)	93	101	103	103	110	106	106	115	108
Public Bodies .... (a)	102	102	105	102	104	109	102	104	109
Banks ..... (a)	103	105	108	103	106	109	103	107	110
Life Assurance ... (a)	105	119	124	107	119	124	107	119	125
General Insurance (b)	103	104	120	103	104	120	104	105	121
Retailers ..... (b)	116	112	115	114	111	112	113	111	112
Merchants (Wool,									
Wheat, &c.).... (b)	119	120	136	122	128	139	111	131	140
Factories ..... (b)	136	141	156	142	148	163	144	150	163

(a) Complete. (b) Returns received from representative firms only.

## 5.—UNEMPLOYMENT AND FACTORIES EMPLOYMENT.

Particulars.	1931-32.	1932-33.	1933-34.	1934-35.	1935-36.	1936-37.
Trade Unionists unemployed per cent. ....	33.8	32.0	28.3	22.0	13.6	9.4
Labour Exchange Registrations end June .....No.	23,738	20,516	16,559	13,111	10,970	8,033
Employment in Factories Index No. ....	71	80	91	104	116	122
	January.		February.		March.	
	1937.	1938.	1937.	1938.	1937.	1938.
Trade Unionists unemployed per cent. ....	—	—	9.5	6.9	—	—
Labour Exchange Registrations end month .....No.	9,501	7,047	8,247	6,658	7,633	6,412
Employment in Factories, Index No. ....	124	133	132	138	134	138

## 6.—STATE CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

Period.	Revenue.				Expenditure.			
	Land and Income Tax.	Other Taxation.	Railways.	Total (including Other).	Public Debt (a)	Railways (b)	Unemployed Relief.	Total (including Other).
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Year, 1931-32 .....	1,919	1,157	2,760	10,482	5,439	2,061	853	11,545
1932-33 .....	1,561	1,172	2,771	10,161	5,346	2,023	632	11,170
1933-34 .....	1,648	1,261	2,609	10,188	5,203	2,065	542	11,032
1934-35 .....	1,825	1,399	2,649	11,002	4,982	2,147	490	10,965
1935-36 .....	1,789	1,415	2,851	11,409	4,934	2,324	415	11,260
1936-37 .....	1,978	1,563	3,000	11,739	4,976	2,471	375	11,600
January, 1937 .....	87	61	233	909	717	196	29	1,226
1938 .....	105	87	235	973	745	214	24	1,318
February, 1937 .....	150	85	244	891	226	185	32	733
1938 .....	256	83	258	1,032	192	205	27	781
March, 1937 .....	232	282	258	1,216	364	208	33	908
1938 .....	325	324	280	1,362	408	240	43	1,087
Mar. Quarter, 1937 .....	469	428	735	3,016	1,307	589	94	2,867
1938 .....	686	494	773	3,367	1,345	659	94	3,186
July-March, 1936-37 ...	895	945	2,151	7,860	3,782	1,739	284	8,500
1937-38 ...	1,196	1,062	2,361	8,548	3,837	1,950	245	9,157

(a) Interest, Exchange and Sinking Fund.

(b) Includes Pensions for annual figures, but not for monthly.



## 7.—PUBLIC DEBT—STATE.

Date.	Public Debt.	Trust Funds, Bank Balances, &c.	Total Indebtedness.	Per Head.
	£	£	£	£ s. d.
30th June, 1932.....	101,599,232	1,519,244	103,118,476	178 7 9
1933.....	103,707,332	1,378,540	105,085,872	180 17 9
1934.....	105,419,280	1,262,812	106,682,092	182 18 1
1935.....	105,349,536	1,008,703	106,358,239	181 17 4
1936.....	105,698,481	1,833,739	107,532,220	183 2 0
1937.....	106,594,164	2,131,201	108,725,365	184 13 11
31st March, 1937 .....	107,492,267	1,490,078	108,982,345	185 4 5
1938 .....	108,309,860	1,294,551	109,604,411	185 7 10

NOTE.—During the year ended 30th June, 1935, the amount of £804,988 was written off the Public Debt, being portion of Soldier Settlement Debt taken over by the Commonwealth.

## 8. TRADING BANKS (ex. State and Commonwealth Banks).

Period.	Deposits.					Advances.	Advances to Deposits.
	Bearing Interest.		Not Bearing Interest.		Total.		
	£	%	£	%	£	£	%
June Quarter							
1932 .....	16,939,770	77·63	4,881,337	22·37	21,821,107	17,913,525	82·09
1933 .....	17,314,999	77·64	4,987,061	22·36	22,302,060	18,608,501	83·44
1934 .....	17,785,796	76·10	5,586,432	23·90	23,372,228	18,625,748	79·69
1935 .....	17,173,844	74·21	5,967,563	25·79	23,141,407	19,595,659	84·68
1936 .....	17,012,925	72·60	6,421,975	27·40	23,434,900	19,240,000	82·10
1937 .....	18,079,031	71·51	7,204,074	28·49	25,283,105	18,443,318	72·95
Mar. Quarter							
1937 .....	17,813,505	70·86	7,325,640	29·14	25,139,145	19,017,148	75·65
1938 .....	18,459,117	72·12	7,134,231	27·88	25,593,348	19,175,815	74·92

NOTE.—State and Commonwealth Banks, March Quarter 1938. Advances, £2,925,469; Deposits, Bearing Interest, £2,056,505, Not Bearing Interest, £1,484,551; Total £3,541,056.

## 9. SAVINGS BANKS AND BANK CLEARINGS.

Period.	Savings Banks (State and Commonwealth).			Bank Clearings.	
	Accounts Open.	Deposits.	Per Head.	Total.	Weekly Average.
	No.	£	£ s. d.	£	£
1931-32 .....	572,051	21,566,825	37 6 2	100,419,134	1,919,426
1932-33 .....	584,004	22,515,288	38 15 1	108,566,658	2,079,464
1933-34 .....	595,524	23,437,505	40 3 8	115,558,007	2,214,061
1934-35 .....	579,995	24,184,988	41 7 1	124,254,209	2,385,660
1935-36 .....	622,609	25,308,586	43 1 10	136,851,967	2,592,203
1936-37 .....	645,211	26,505,941	45 0 6	151,281,047	2,900,357
January, 1937 .....	605,843 <sup>a</sup>	25,558,361	43 7 5	12,240,787	2,845,551
1938 .....	650,113	26,472,123	44 15 6	11,986,172	2,804,819
February, 1937 .....	610,409 <sup>a</sup>	25,652,494	43 11 11	12,163,956	3,004,543
1938 .....	650,963	26,547,308	44 18 1	13,636,221	3,409,055
March, 1937 .....	611,701 <sup>a</sup>	25,716,104	43 14 1	15,287,838	3,328,076
1938 .....	652,937	26,635,538	45 1 1	14,813,886	3,284,183

(a) Excludes inoperative accounts in Commonwealth Bank, approximately 28,000.

## 10. OVERSEA TRADE (DIRECT).

Period.	Exports.		Imports.	Excess Exports.
	£ Aus.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.
1931-32 .....	12,264,227	9,772,000	2,821,538	6,950,462
1932-33 .....	12,802,189	10,242,000	3,760,324	6,481,676
1933-34 .....	12,718,325	10,175,000	3,679,412	6,495,588
1934-35 .....	11,834,784	9,468,000	3,965,808	5,502,192
1935-36 .....	15,381,124	12,305,000	5,419,960	6,885,040
1936-37 .....	16,748,140	13,399,000	5,438,429	7,960,571
January, 1937 .....	1,200,125	960,000	415,058	544,942
1938 .....	1,267,297	1,014,000	627,044	386,956
February, 1937 .....	1,806,268	1,445,000	383,523	1,061,477
1938 .....	1,622,168	1,298,000	566,026	731,974
March, 1937 .....	2,071,900	1,658,000	419,758	1,238,242
1938 .....	2,468,332	1,975,000	646,739	1,328,261
March Quarter, 1937 .....	5,078,293	4,063,000	1,218,339	2,844,661
1938 .....	5,357,797	4,286,000	1,839,809	2,446,191
July-March, 1936-37 .....	12,746,037	10,197,000	4,162,579	6,034,421
1937-38 .....	13,946,864	11,157,000	5,869,723	5,287,277

## 11.—OVERSEA EXPORTS (PRINCIPAL ITEMS).

Article.	Unit.	Year.				July-March.	
		1933-34.	1934-35.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1936-37.	1937-38.
Quantities—							
Barley .....	bush.	2,605,576	2,551,888	3,360,946	2,312,312	2,064,274	3,769,100
Flour .....	ton	53,489	75,662	60,137	58,590	43,238	45,553
Wheat .....	bush.	17,638,860	24,512,433	22,669,070	16,770,811	11,532,382	16,992,458
Butter .....	lb.	8,308,420	6,299,175	7,953,012	7,291,690	6,294,332	7,668,536
Cheese .....	lb.	667,172	2,359,107	3,898,651	7,289,309	6,459,046	8,135,222
Eggs in shell .....	doz.	4,182,986	4,429,318	3,456,050	2,745,480	2,745,840	1,225,550
Lamb and mutton .....	carcases	216,535	277,173	342,813	420,824	407,680	346,571
Wool .....	lb.	58,534,898	60,687,086	65,002,965	62,465,752	54,626,998	45,098,185
Currants and raisins .....	lb.	38,082,666	31,285,956	27,504,426	25,108,575	5,626,862	13,767,200
Wine .....	gall.	2,577,660	3,009,723	3,427,516	3,673,969	3,200,337	3,110,437
Concentrates (Silver, &c.) .....	cwt.	2,616,220	2,045,528	3,749,405	2,394,585	1,841,826	2,148,267
Lead .....	cwt.	2,221,792	1,903,682	2,131,846	1,796,399	1,432,027	1,582,171
Values (Australian Currency)—							
Barley .....	£	294,071	345,550	353,533	432,079	388,992	650,550
Flour .....	£	295,316	487,075	422,899	558,675	393,893	435,302
Wheat .....	£	2,435,969	3,652,558	4,087,227	4,386,206	2,941,597	3,990,062
Butter .....	£	332,857	234,814	400,509	395,448	343,731	405,952
Cheese .....	£	15,743	48,922	80,851	166,122	145,052	239,611
Eggs in shell .....	£	219,721	214,141	165,892	140,542	140,542	68,441
Lamb and mutton .....	£	165,618	210,208	288,646	352,953	342,208	340,027
Wool .....	£	3,762,861	2,440,499	3,780,550	4,071,953	3,478,965	2,625,179
Currants and raisins .....	£	722,164	582,677	512,714	459,518	109,452	264,989
Wine .....	£	702,392	731,568	870,710	952,734	831,826	779,093
Concentrates (Silver, &c.) .....	£	490,202	328,525	531,685	737,060	535,068	550,310
Lead .....	£	1,297,179	1,064,765	1,759,672	2,080,903	1,616,347	1,556,559

## 12. OVERSEA IMPORTS (PRINCIPAL ITEMS).

Article.	Year.				July-March.	
	1933-34.	1934-35.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1936-37.	1937-38.
(British Currency.)						
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Apparel and attire .....	44,155	45,256	61,419	62,837	48,099	68,470
Bags and sacks .....	343,904	209,899	312,623	315,722	280,001	272,666
Fertilisers—Rock phosphates .....	92,232	89,177	129,773	129,015	101,200	106,506
Iron and steel .....	206,435	272,807	433,653	349,685	272,705	637,128
Machines and machinery .....	179,186	287,015	601,041	730,378	510,103	846,689
Motor bodies, chassis, &c. ..	190,758	252,265	375,010	380,702	267,898	388,053
Petrol, &c. ....	331,515	249,858	417,979	433,593	322,887	401,793
Kerosene .....	50,149	47,304	68,194	62,121	44,492	88,706
Other oils in bulk .....	137,257	144,554	180,426	161,059	121,260	177,972
Paper .....	174,531	162,250	195,972	269,633	235,328	173,833
Stationery, books, &c. ....	87,749	101,366	111,022	109,701	86,542	103,499
Tea .....	128,292	115,278	111,940	121,758	90,785	82,211
Textiles, Piecegoods, &c. ....	502,474	572,587	610,588	610,263	475,116	596,810
Timber .....	183,579	215,920	274,150	175,984	141,920	441,623

### 13.—RAILWAYS (SUMMARY).

Period.	Gross Revenue.	Working Expenses. <i>a.</i>	Train Miles Run.	Passengers Carried.	Goods and Livestock.	Passenger Mileage.
	£	£	No.	No.	Tons.	1,000m.
Year 1931-32..	2,757,123	1,921,744	4,914,265	15,608,384	2,430,226	166,409
1932-33..	2,744,741	1,894,477	4,909,588	16,074,121	2,401,070	172,106
1933-34..	2,570,837	1,937,913	4,930,271	16,325,004	2,154,639	175,559
1934-35..	2,669,470	2,023,918	5,080,319	16,660,213	2,346,736	177,655
1935-36..	2,890,710	2,193,457	5,462,146	17,430,674	2,481,568	189,061
1936-37..	3,021,662	2,331,334	5,606,353	17,776,629	2,400,423	205,329
December, 1936	272,258	207,225	459,143	1,841,726	171,488	31,149
1937	286,928	236,095	488,272	1,835,305	206,546	29,480
January, 1937..	232,355	195,746	457,712	1,450,889	200,323	17,699
1938..	235,362	213,581	504,472	1,433,642	271,246	15,581
February, 1937	244,131	183,837	438,751	1,319,555	212,909	13,903
1938	257,273	204,650	489,107	1,195,283	263,608	12,414
July-February, 1936-37	1,892,845	1,528,130	3,244,782	11,525,222	1,433,588	137,704
1937-38	2,080,661	1,709,513	3,946,179	11,510,751	1,697,458	130,974

*a* Excluding pensions and capital charges.

### 14.—RAILWAYS (TON-MILEAGES).

Period.	Gross Ton Mileage.					Net Ton Mileage (Revenue).
	Passenger.	Freight.	Mixed.	Departmental.	Total.	
Year—	1,000 T.M.	1,000 T.M.	1,000 T.M.	1,000 T.M.	1,000 T.M.	1,000 T.M.
1931-32 .....	262,756	681,354	25,997	15,482	985,589	287,654
1932-33 .....	276,764	685,430	24,585	22,429	1,009,208	283,604
1933-34 .....	292,016	677,057	21,649	19,034	1,009,756	265,720
1934-35 .....	313,338	713,036	22,416	15,638	1,064,428	281,109
1935-36 .....	355,657	800,899	20,404	17,599	1,194,559	312,839
1936-37 .....	405,689	823,513	24,132	25,112	1,278,446	314,515
Dec., 1936 ....	42,012	55,312	2,450	2,490	102,264	20,865
1937 ....	42,578	60,678	2,579	4,302	110,137	22,572
January, 1937..	39,396	61,786	2,166	1,049	104,397	23,952
1938..	38,568	75,504	2,401	2,092	118,565	29,331
February, 1937	32,139	66,642	2,149	1,172	102,102	26,178
1938	31,158	81,747	2,242	2,198	117,345	29,399
July-February, 1936-37	273,527	509,334	14,723	14,764	812,348	189,901
1937-38	281,072	589,952	18,084	23,081	912,189	217,486



### 15.—TRAMWAYS (DAILY AVERAGES).

Period.	Gross Revenue.	Passenger Journeys.	Tram Miles.	Elec- tricity.
	£	No.	No.	A.C. Units.
Year ended July, 1932.....	1,802	132,424	20,054	69,928
1933.....	1,762	131,929	20,203	71,926
1934.....	1,720	128,820	20,224	71,751
1935.....	1,752	131,830	20,404	72,298
1936.....	1,841	138,317	21,705	76,201
1937.....	1,916	142,689	22,087	77,209
27th Dec., 1936, to 31st Jan., 1937 ....	2,041	144,812	22,186	74,027
26th Dec., 1937, to 31st Jan, 1938 ....	1,819	133,242	22,637	74,136
1st February to 6th March, 1937 .....	1,911	142,364	22,427	77,325
1st February to 5th March, 1938 .....	1,805	136,796	22,634	79,225

### 16.—MOTOR REGISTRATIONS.

Period.	Cars.		Commercial Vehicles.		Cycles.	
	1937.	1938.	1937.	1938.	1937.	1938.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
New Vehicles—						
January .....	423	374	138	188	77	80
February.....	432	511	162	192	79	90
March .....	536	537	164	200	97	96
March Quarter .....	1,391	1,422	464	580	253	266
Second-Hand Vehicles—						
January .....	1,022	1,009	445	394	467	473
February .....	1,034	1,194	440	480	472	464
March .....	1,156	1,391	342	500	442	520
March Quarter .....	3,212	3,594	1,227	1,374	1,381	1,457
Renewals—						
March Quarter.....	<i>a</i>	1,563	<i>a</i>	585	<i>a</i>	522
Cancellations—						
March Quarter.....	3,328	3,478	955	978	992	991
Expirations—						
March Quarter.....	<i>a</i>	1,718	<i>a</i>	656	<i>a</i>	654

(a) Comparable figures not available.

## 17.—MOTORS, TELEPHONES, WIRELESS.

Period.	Motor Vehicles in use (a).				Telephone Connections.		Wireless Licences.	
	Cars.	Commercial Vehicles.	Cycles.	Total.	New.	Existing (a).	New.	Existing (a).
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year ended December, 1931	45,140	12,139	10,045	67,324	2,869	49,276	10,186	32,075
1932	46,558	12,638	9,736	68,932	3,100	48,608	15,646	43,268
1933	46,413	14,197	10,455	71,065	3,605	48,528	17,903	55,639
1934	48,939	17,267	10,470	76,676	4,882	49,802	21,911	72,337
1935	49,496	17,157	10,741	77,394	5,048	51,516	17,407	81,629
1936	53,728	19,415	11,110	84,253	5,501	53,875	19,867	93,881
1937	56,101	21,728	11,802	88,631	5,727	56,517	20,293	105,045
January, 1937 .....	54,370	19,791	11,334	85,495	553	54,099	1,618	94,804
1938 .....	56,635	22,069	11,026	89,730	424	56,684	1,302	105,392
February, 1937 .....	54,914	20,096	11,597	86,607	415	54,284	1,563	95,675
1938 .....	56,966	22,318	11,263	90,547	470	56,868	1,477	106,413
March, 1937 .....	55,375	20,318	11,848	87,541	484	54,467	1,393	96,442
1938 .....	57,484	22,633	11,402	91,519	534	57,109	1,735	107,647

NOTE.—Up to March, 1937, all motor registrations automatically cancelled on 31st March each year, and a number of vehicles were not re-registered immediately. From April, 1937, vehicles can be registered at any time for either six or twelve months.

(a) At end of period stated.

## 18.—PRICES (MEAN) ADELAIDE WHOLESALE.

Period.	Wheat.	Barley.	Oats.	Hay.	Bullocks.	Merino Wethers	Lambs.
	Bush.	Bush.	Bush.	Tons.	Prime.	Prime.	Prime.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
January, 1937 .....	5 0	4 4½	2 6¾	3 10 0	10 0 0	24 6	21 6
1938 .....	4 1¾	3 4¼	2 3¾	2 2 6	12 0 0	22 9	20 0
February, 1937 .....	4 9¾	4 3½	2 7½	3 15 0	10 15 9	26 0	21 0
1938 .....	4 1	3 4½	2 5½	2 2 6	12 3 9	20 0	19 0
March, 1934 .....	2 2¾	2 2¼	2 0	2 5 0	10 10 0	19 3	16 3
1935 .....	2 10	2 7	2 0½	2 17 6	8 17 6	15 3	15 0
1936 .....	3 6	1 9	1 10	1 17 6	11 1 3	21 9	19 9
1937 .....	5 3	4 3½	2 4½	3 15 0	10 8 3	24 9	20 6
1938 .....	3 9¼	3 2	2 6	2 4 6	12 2 0	20 0	19 0

## 19.—WOOL SALES.

Period.	Greasy and Scoured.		Amount Realised.	Price per Lb. Greasy.	In Store end Period.
	Bales.	Lbs.	£	d.	Bales.
Year, 1931-32 .....	197,954	64,158,321	1,847,946	6-88	14,065
1932-33 .....	262,058	84,832,832	2,604,950	7-32	4,212
1933-34 .....	245,311	76,580,369	4,479,165	13-96	20,045
1934-35 .....	272,724	86,383,700	2,959,314	8-14	4,815
1935-36 .....	263,280	83,102,553	4,151,115	11-92	5,029
1936-37 .....	257,300	80,350,616	4,601,851	13-66	4,040
January, 1937 .....	487	144,838	9,864	15-58	68,526
1938 .....	3	1,114	48	10-25	104,629
February, 1937 .....	35,587	10,703,168	701,283	15-61	35,384
1938 .....	30,445	9,299,973	400,359	10-31	78,127
March, 1937 .....	36,544	10,928,541	734,698	16-01	14,366
1938 .....	31,168	9,337,681	411,730	10-56	53,676
March Quarter, 1937 .....	72,618	21,776,547	1,445,845	15-81	14,366
1938 .....	61,616	18,638,768	812,137	10-44	53,676
July-March, 1936-37 .....	229,594	71,255,592	4,107,990	13-76	14,366
1937-38 .....	201,751	63,028,484	3,154,538	11-97	53,676

## 20.—PRICES—RETAIL ADELAIDE.

Period.	Bread, 2lbs.	Flour, 2lbs.	Tea, lb.	Milk, Quart.	Butter (Fac- tory), lb.	Eggs, Doz.	Potatoes 7lbs.	Beef Ribs, lb.	Mutton Leg, lb.
	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
January, 1937 .....	5-40	4-30	27-80	5-95	17-70	14-00	11-06	5-80	7-60
1938 .....	5-00	4-35	27-85	5-85	19-05	15-85	6-79	6-95	8-00
February, 1937 ...	5-40	4-25	27-75	5-95	17-70	17-35	7-57	5-95	7-60
1938 ...	5-00	4-30	27-85	5-85	19-05	16-15	6-64	7-45	7-90
March, 1934 .....	4-90	44-05a	27-50	5-80	15-55	10-65	13-67b	5-95	6-50
1935 .....	4-45	44-00a	27-40	5-70	17-90	10-90	17-71b	5-75	6-85
1936 .....	4-45	37-10a	27-40	5-65	17-50	12-25	13-25b	6-00	6-90
1937 .....	5-50	4-30	27-75	5-95	17-70	17-65	5-99	6-00	7-60
1938 .....	5-00	4-25	27-85	5-85	19-05	18-45	6-86	7-60	7-90

a For 25lbs.

b For 14lbs.

## 21.—PRICE INDEX FIGURES (ADELAIDE).

Base. Six capitals 1923-1927 = 1,000.

Item.	January.		February.		March.	
	1937.	1938.	1937.	1938.	1937.	1938.
Food and groceries .....	816	836	810	845	808	848
	Year.				March. Quarter.	
	1934.	1935.	1936.	1937.	1937.	1938.
Food and groceries .....	767	780	798	825	811	843
Housing (four and five rooms) .....	700	736	795	832	814	—
Food, groceries, and housing—						
Four and five rooms .....	742	764	796	826	810	—
All houses (a) .....	1,275	1,299	1,341	1,397	1,370	1,428
All items (b) .....	806	820	839	859	845	878

(a) Base ; six capitals, 1911 = 1,000.

(b) “ All items ” ; food, groceries, housing (four and five rooms), clothing, and miscellaneous expenditure.

## 22.—BUILDING PERMITS (METROPOLITAN AREA).

Period.	Dwellings.		Other Buildings.		Additions.	Total Value (Ex. Govt.)	Value (Govt.)
	No.	£	No.	£			
Year, 1931 .....	45	28,952	48	163,334	107,938	300,224	23,000
1932 .....	110	91,508	65	72,294	125,780	289,582	98,909
1933 .....	203	166,862	69	195,686	179,273	541,821	144,000
1934 .....	385	321,202	102	266,061	221,369	808,632	44,161
1935 .....	685	616,133	197	416,834	270,190	1,303,157	91,187
1936 .....	917	714,923	194	236,522	279,707	1,231,152	345,689
1937 .....	1,308	1,039,036	195	430,414	319,963	1,789,413	68,099
January, 1937 .....	99	72,186	13	25,853	23,901	121,940	1,270
1938 .....	97	80,153	25	92,797	18,096	191,046	50,386
February, 1937 .....	74	55,600	11	36,698	22,258	114,556	2,388
1938 .....	132	83,777	9	106,757	30,489	221,023	44,187
March, 1937 .....	95	77,947	17	31,410	21,399	130,756	6,765
1938 .....	133	106,175	18	38,270	30,134	174,579	8,229
March Quarter, 1937 .....	268	205,733	41	93,961	67,558	367,252	10,423
1938 .....	362	270,105	52	237,824	78,719	586,648	102,802



**23.—SALES TAX.**

Approximate Amount of Sales by Traders Registered under Sales Tax Acts.

Year.	Taxable Goods.				Taxable and Exempt Goods.			
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Total Year.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Total Year.
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
1932.....	1,069	876	848	11,159	2,416	2,202	2,084	26,577
1933.....	918	796	911	10,377	2,253	2,137	2,251	26,197
1934.....	951	698	797	10,014	2,179	1,744	2,385	26,243
1935.....	973	769	863	11,124	2,369	2,461	2,186	28,414
1936.....	1,102	902	960	11,909	2,509	2,269	2,294	29,901
1937.....	966	1,148	963	12,587	2,680	2,731	2,717	35,696
1938.....	1,142	962	1,051	—	3,354	2,592	3,296	—

Numerous commodities were exempted from tax as from 1st September, 1932, 26th October, 1933, 1st August, 1934, 25th October, 1935, and 26th September, 1936. Consequently many traders dealing exclusively in exempt goods ceased to supply returns and the proportion of wholesale trade covered by the records has been progressively reduced. The figures above cannot be compared without allowance for this fact.

**24.—COMPANIES, MORTGAGES, &c.**

Period.	Companies Registered.		Mortgages Registered—Real Estates.		Land Transferred.
	Com-panies.	Authorised Capital.	Loans.	Dis-charges.	
	No.	£	£	£	£
Year 1931.....	122	2,067,785	7,764,757	2,249,076	6,355,100
1932.....	115	2,119,500	4,389,999	2,500,727	4,574,025
1933.....	156	2,200,980	4,013,037	2,778,376	4,849,176
1934.....	139	2,335,485	4,060,222	3,769,315	5,708,100
1935.....	150	3,705,132	5,102,905	3,715,313	7,036,500
1936.....	99	1,488,200	5,993,845	4,076,106	8,368,200
1937.....	157	3,939,900	7,044,973	4,798,819	9,773,250
January, 1937.....	14	135,500	373,657	245,788	481,350
1938.....	11	115,000	499,408	456,239	776,775
February, 1937.....	12	173,500	452,246	263,415	509,800
1938.....	12	216,000	648,280	639,470	888,525
March, 1937.....	9	85,000	649,180	326,121	1,063,200
1938.....	11	73,600	771,890	583,600	1,365,400
Mar. Quarter, 1937.....	35	394,000	1,475,083	835,324	2,054,350
1938.....	34	404,600	1,919,578	1,679,309	3,030,700

## 25.—BANKRUPTCY (Sequestrations, Deeds, Schemes, &c.).

Period.	Primary Producers.	Total.	Liabilities.	Assets.	Excess Liabilities.
	No.	No.	£	£	£
Year 1931.....	456	996	1,491,178	1,101,919	389,259
1932.....	316	654	1,341,620	961,257	380,363
1933.....	282	570	1,339,435	1,061,860	277,575
1934.....	373	626	1,484,031	1,017,972	466,059
1935.....	357	597	1,376,855	753,528	623,327
1936.....	351	549	1,964,626	1,420,209	544,417
1937.....	228	468	1,547,794	1,143,739	404,055
January, 1937.....	13	25	241,747	126,164	115,583
1938.....	2	12	39,285	26,466	12,819
February, 1937.....	32	47	144,993	133,668	11,325
1938.....	22	43	116,387	102,160	14,227
March, 1937.....	64	86	425,590	377,247	48,343
1938.....	60	82	423,208	339,061	84,147
Mar. Quarter, 1937 .....	109	158	812,330	637,079	175,251
1938 .....	84	137	578,880	467,687	111,193

NOTE.—For 1931 and portion of 1932, liabilities and assets of compositions are not included.

## 26.—BUTTER AND CHEESE PRODUCTION.

Period.	Butter (lbs.).			Cheese (lbs.).		
	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.
In Factories.						
January .....	1,436,611	1,426,654	1,560,584	580,311	1,092,044	1,473,956
February ....	1,042,250	1,195,639	1,258,014	493,474	903,702	1,055,704
March .....	879,379	1,039,517	1,235,355	431,593	645,702	1,103,126
July-March....	14,243,744	14,282,465	15,592,254	6,701,202	10,387,448	12,621,873
Year.	1934-35.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1934-35.	1935-36.	1936-37.
In Factories ..	14,157,280	17,017,490	16,657,761	6,648,281	8,103,243	11,847,355
On Farms ....	4,355,949	3,946,815	3,761,004	1,380	420	102
Total ....	18,513,229	20,964,305	20,418,765	6,649,661	8,103,663	11,847,457

## 27.—SLAUGHTERINGS AT METROPOLITAN ABATTOIRS (for home consumption).

Period.	Bullocks.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep.	Lambs.	Pigs.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
January-March, 1937 .....	7,850	6,167	9,454	66,831	68,914	9,775
1938 .....	7,026	7,535	10,123	71,550	74,070	7,386
January-December, 1934 ...	33,111	12,257	35,286	304,524	278,952	35,258
1935 ...	31,295	19,252	39,447	300,396	283,692	35,394
1936 ...	33,280	21,138	45,710	295,910	287,665	43,216
1937 ...	35 734	24,007	45,635	291,487	285,019	40,183

## 28.—ELECTRICITY.

Sales by Adelaide Electric Supply Co., Ltd. (In 1,000 British Units).

Year Ended February.				Quarter Ended February.	
1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.
56,022,914	53,027,960	60,471,874	68,796,508	19,860,933	24,165,285
1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.	1937.	1938.
79,665,733	94,707,895	108,376,745	126,035,337	28,031,276	30,719,507

## 29.—GAS.

Output of Gas in South Australia (1,000 cubic feet).

1931-32.	1932-33.	1933-34.	1934-35.	1935-36.	1936-37.
1,167,937	1,120,686	1,066,471	1,082,217	1,090,249	1,119,278

# 30.—LATEST PRODUCTION STATISTICS AND MISCELLANEOUS DATA NOT ELSEWHERE INCLUDED.

Item.	Unit.	1933-34.	1934-35.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.
Wheat .....	acres	3,821,795	3,188,225	2,989,490	3,058,457	63,200,000
	bush.	35,373,466	27,455,600	31,615,744	28,714,653	643,000,000
	average.	9.26	8.61	10.58	9.39	6 13.50
Barley .....	acres	307,423	316,807	393,741	304,559	6400,000
	bush.	5,254,280	5,682,923	6,493,983	4,260,462	66,700,000
	average.	17.09	17.94	16.49	13.99	6 16.75
Oats.....	acres	265,074	367,192	299,771	414,723	6400,000
	bush.	2,087,772	2,412,117	2,380,908	2,363,806	62,600,000
	average.	7.88	6.57	7.94	5.70	6 6.50
Hay .....	acres	507,248	561,071	566,064	539,127	6540,000
	tons	539,846	571,133	586,658	501,003	6565,000
	average.	1.06	1.02	1.04	0.93	6 1.05
Manures used						
Crops ....	tons	148,923	139,723	147,854	161,654	—
Pastures ..	tons	10,066	17,466	26,739	46,399	—
Cattle .....	No.	352,728	346,479	335,354	328,013	—
Horses .....	No.	196,789	198,765	197,368	200,870	—
Sheep .....	No.	7,941,060	7,884,919	7,945,745	7,905,112	68,800,000
Pigs .....	No.	91,573	86,297	93,458	85,048	—
Sheep Shorn ..	No.	8,111,296	8,131,202	8,091,682	7,940,476	68,350,000
Wool Clip ....	lbs.	67,668,282	68,547,294	70,912,985	66,743,386	673,500,000
Wool Prodn. (a)	lbs.	79,288,903	77,790,933	81,709,440	76,604,296	683,500,000
Ewes Mated ..	No.	3,304,532	3,408,561	3,408,758	3,519,568	63,500,000
Lambs Marked	No.	2,051,130	1,875,296	2,049,514	2,079,426	62,550,000
Wine—						
Beverage....	galls.	6,384,481	7,123,893	7,745,622	7,434,170	—
Distillation .	galls.	4,647,531	5,791,012	5,277,965	7,592,332	—
Total ....	galls.	10,032,012	12,914,905	13,023,587	15,026,502	—
Currants .....	cwts.	160,356	185,173	117,415	161,858	—
Raisins .....	cwts.	249,603	244,679	210,166	227,631	—
Apples .....	bush.	1,002,124	800,768	939,240	841,504	—
Oranges.....	bush.	582,602	638,314	645,291	654,889	—
Factories						
Establishments	No.	1,733	1,803	1,895	1,916	—
Hands ...	No.	29,486	33,497	38,471	40,710	—
Wages, &c.	£	4,907,335	5,733,865	6,694,151	7,518,239	—
Output ...	£	22,919,297	25,699,172	31,904,091	34,528,176	—
Production						
Value...	£	8,641,477	9,557,113	11,669,705	12,271,563	—
Life Assurance						
New Policies	No.	35,154	40,282	44,732	48,800	—
	£	3,778,179	3,923,587	4,579,921	5,395,553	—

a Including wool on skins.

b Estimated.